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Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No.3)
395 E. Streets, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20590

Re: Nomination of Mr. Charles L. Elsea, Surface Transportation Board, RSTAC small shipper vacancy

On behalf of OmniTRAX, Inc., I respectfully nominate Charles L. Elsea to fill the small shipper vacancy on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council ("RSTAC"). Mr. Elsea is willing to serve as a member of RSTAC for a three-year term. In my capacity as a current member of RSTAC, I have spoken with Mr. Elsea about the duties, obligations, and time commitment required to be a member of RSTAC and am personally satisfied that he would commit the time and energy necessary to fill this position.

Mr. Elsea is Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Board of Directors of The Scoular Company, a privately-held marketer of agricultural products. With more than 70 offices and facilities throughout North America, Scoular manages supply chain risk in worldwide feed, food, and renewable fuel markets by buying, selling, storing, handling, and transporting grain and feed and food ingredients.

I have known Mr. Elsea personally and professionally for many years. I know of his commitment to ensuring the best possible rail network in the United States – one that will continue to serve shippers, the public, and railroads. As the CEO of one of the largest shippers of agriculture products in the nation, he has an intimate working knowledge of the national rail network and can bring invaluable experience, knowledge, and fresh ideas to RSTAC, all of which will add immeasurably to the work of the Council.

Scoular, like other small shippers in agribusiness, depends on the U.S. railway system to efficiently transport its products, relying heavily on both covered hopper cars and intermodal containers. With more than 30 years of experience in the grain industry, Mr. Elsea has extensive working knowledge of rail operations and is keenly aware of the issues that are of importance to shippers and both Class I and short line rail carriers.

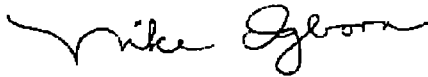
In addition to his responsibilities with Scoular, Mr. Elsea is a member of the National Grain and Feed Association ("NGFA") and presently serves on NGFA's Arbitration Appeals committee. For the past nine years, Mr. Elsea has served as a commissioner on the Highway Advisory Commission of the Kansas Department of Transportation ("KDOT") and served as a member of KDOT's Strategic Planning Task Force in previous years. Mr. Elsea is a past Chairman and past member of the Board of Directors of the Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Transportation, Elevator, and Grain Merchants Association (TEGMA). He previously served on the Kansas Governor's Agricultural Advisory Board.

Mr. Elsea is a graduate of Kansas State University's College of Agriculture. Following graduation, Mr. Elsea worked in grain marketing for The Pillsbury Company. In 1981, Mr. Elsea joined The Scoular Company's Kansas City office as a grain merchandiser. Over the years, Mr. Elsea worked in a variety of Scoular locations in various positions of increasing responsibility, merchandising or managing the merchandising of domestic and export feed grains and wheat. From 2000 to 2007, Mr. Elsea was Senior Vice President responsible for the company's Flour Mill Markets Division, and it was during this time that he played an instrumental role in developing Scoular's shuttle train network. He was named CEO in 2009.

With the departure of Terry Voss and Bruce Ridley from the Council, I think it is vitally important that the small agriculture shippers have a voice on RSTAC and I can think of no one better than Mr. Elsea to fill that position. I respectfully urge his appointment

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Ogborn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" and last name "Ogborn" clearly distinguishable.

Mike Ogborn
Managing Director

cc: Chuck Elsea
Julie Heiliger